

REMARKS

The claims are 1, 3-22 and 24.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in Official Action paragraph 3 that claims 2-3 and 16 are allowed over the prior art of record. However, for reasons set forth below, it is considered that all of the claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

In this regard, the feature of allowable claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 and the remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent thereon.

Accordingly, it is considered that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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